REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the application. The Examiner objects to claims 18 and 20. Claims 1-17, 19 and 21 are rejected. Claims 18 and 20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner's objections and rejections are addressed below in substantially the same order as in the office action.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claims 1-11 and 14-17, 19 and 21 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-11 of US Patent No. 6,659,175.

Claim 12 is rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 8 of US Patent No. 6,659,175 in view of Card et al. (US 5,439,055).

Claim 13 is rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of US Patent No. 6,659,175 in view of Taylor, III et al. (US 5,049,743).

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claims 18 and 20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

<u>ARGUMENTS</u>

Terminal Disclaimer

The Examiner has rejected and objected to the claims in a manner that may be obviated by the filing of a Terminal Disclaimer. The Applicants respectfully assert that the

Terminal Filed herewith traverses the Examiner's rejections and that all claims are now allowable.

CONCLUSION

For all the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that the application is in a condition for allowance. No fee is believed due for this response. A fee of \$130 is enclosed for filing the terminal disclaimer filed herewith. No additional fees are believed due for this Response, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 13-0010 (COR-1026CP).

Respectfully submitted,

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